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BPA chooses Spokane native as General Counsel

Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Randy A. Roach, a native of Spokane, has been chosen General Counsel for the Bonneville Power Administration.

Roach's selection was announced on Sept. 25 by BPA's Chief Operating Officer, Sue Hickey. "Randy has distinguished himself among a highly competent and dedicated staff," said Hickey. "His strategic ability makes him the right fit to lead BPA's Office of General Counsel."

Roach joined BPA in 1984 and was named assistant general counsel for rates in 1989. During his tenure at BPA, Roach has been through seven general rate cases and a number of special rate cases. A rate case refers to a complex legal process by which the agency establishes what it will charge customers for its products and services.

After graduating *magna cum laude* from Spokane's Gonzaga University Law School in 1978, Roach served both as a law clerk and later as a staff attorney with the Washington State Court of Appeals in Seattle. He was an attorney with the Seattle law firm of Weckworth, Barer & Meyer from 1981 to 1984.

"There are many legal challenges ahead for BPA," said Roach, "particularly as the Pacific Northwest reassesses the value and importance of the Columbia River as a public resource in the new era of deregulation of the wholesale electricity market. I believe public power will continue to serve as a benchmark in ensuring the competitive market truly is competitive and responsive to all consumers' needs."

Roach graduated from University High School in the Spokane Valley before attending the University of Washington where he majored in political science. His mother, Lois Roach, and brother, Barry Roach, are Spokane residents.

Roach, who is married and has two children, enjoys traveling, collecting tops, and reading Irish history and literature as spare-time interests.

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